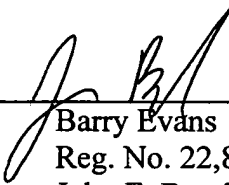


Additionally, if the Examiner believes that there are any issues still pending which present an impediment to allowance, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone to conduct a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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